India's bid for 2011 Cricket World Cup

553. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is one of the Asian countries to bid for 2011 Cricket World Cup;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be an individual or joint bid; and

(d) the cricket grounds proposed to be upgraded and renovated for the series?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) As per information received from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), four Asian Countries — Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are jointly bidding for the 2011 Cricket World Cup.

(b) The Joint Committee is yet to. be formed and the four Cricket Boards have conveyed their willingness to ICC to host the World Cup jointly.

(c) It is a joint bid.

(d) The venues and the upgradation work required, will be decided after the ICC allots the World Cup to the Asian joint bidders.

Construction of sports complex in Punjab

554 SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of sports complex in the State of Punjab during the current and next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In February, 2005 State Government were informed that the Government of India have decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure

Schemes to the State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005. Thus, fresh cases for sports infrastructure, projects including any sports complex in Punjab, have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. The Planning Commission have confirmed that funds to the extent of the committed liabilities will be provided for on-going approved Sports Infrastructure projects during the Tenth Plan.

Proposals on sports facilities

555. SHRIDHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals regarding sports facilities received from the State of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the number out of them lying pending; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Three proposals were received from Punjab during the last three years i.e. 2002-2003 to 2004-2005 under the scheme of "Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure". Out of these three, one proposal, namely, the outdoor stadium at Sursingh, Amritsar was approved with Central assistance of Rs. 18.00 lakh. The remaining two proposals were not found viable and hence could not be considered for Central Assistance.

Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was operating a Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Scheme under which Central Assistance was provided for creation of Sports Infrastructure subject to the receipt of viable proposals. The Government had decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Schemes to State Sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005 and accordingly no funds have been allocated in the BE 2005-06 for Sports Infrastructure Schemes. All State Governments were informed of this in February, 2005. Thus, fresh proposals for sports infrastructure projects have to be funded by State Governments from their own resources. However, the Planning Commission has confirmed that funds to the extent of the committed liabilities will be provided for on-going approved sports infrastructure projects during the Tenth Plan.